



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF BLACK MALES  
NOTICE OF MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 9, 2015**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Hooker Conference Room #245, City Hall  
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Request for Additional Agenda Items**
- 3. Approval of Minutes – August 12, 2015**
- 4. New Business**
  1. Discussion on Black Lives Matter
  2. CSBM online newsletter content
- 5. Liaison report**
- 6. Old Business**
  - 1. Updates**
    - B. Action committee reports
    - C. Mentoring Campaign
    - D. Monroe County Health Needs Assessment
    - E. Community/Neighborhood Forum
    - F. Shively Family and Shively Memorial Scholarship
    - G. Monroe County Health Needs Assessment: Tri-North
    - H. Measurement: Staff liaison will meet with Peggy Chambers, MCCSC on Monday September 14.
    - I. JDAI (Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative)
    - J. Commission response to N.W.A. biopic “Straight Outta Compton”
- 7. Announcements**
- 8. Adjournment**

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**Meeting Minutes**

**WEDNESDAY, August 12, 2015  
5:45 P.M.**

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**Members Present:** Cornelius Wright, Greg Tourner and David Hummons **Guest(s):** John McCluskey **Staff:** Rafi Khalid Hasan II, City of Bloomington staff liaison

**Approval of Minutes** - July 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes - approved with changes 3 - 0.

**New Business**

**Strategic Plan**

Commissioner Wright discussed the CSBM's plan to form action committees: He stated that the action committees will address the issues related to Black Males in Bloomington in regards to **Education, Criminal Justice, Employment and Health and Wellness**. Comm. Wright then outlined the goals and objectives of the action committee to:

- 1) Keep the CSBM informed on the issues that pertain to Black Males, by establishing relationship with community members. These community members will serve as *honorarius* (honorary) ombudsmen in the designated areas; on the basis of their expertise or experience as professionals or direct service providers.
  - 2) The action committees should not contain more than seven individuals but must contain a minimum of three individuals. Contact with these *honorarius* ombudsmen does not require face to face contact, such that the commissioners may make use email, skype and appropriate technologies in collecting information from action committee members.
  - 3) The nature of the action committee's discussions should yield results that will identify critical areas affecting black males in commissioners should be prepared to identify at least three (3) findings from the action committee and prepared to discuss these findings during the monthly meeting, in order to proceed to plan for an event, program, forum etc.
  - 4) These discussion should also result in the identification of potential community partners i.e. agency (ies), groups or initiatives that the CSBM can approach for sponsorship of program, initiatives, campaigns established by the CSBM.
- Comm. Wright made the following action committee appointments: Comm. Harris-Education; Comm. Hummons-Criminal Justice- Comm. Tourner-Employment; Comm Wright and Comm. Haughton- Health and Wellness.

Commissioners are to identify individuals who will serve as *honorarius ombudsmen* for their respective committee. **Commissioners should have a meeting/conference scheduled with these individuals by Aug 30. Commissioners should have convened with these individuals by CSBM next meeting on 9/9. Commissioners should email the names of the individuals and first conference date to Staff Liaison Rafi ([hasanr@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:hasanr@bloomington.in.gov)) upon establishment of dates.**

Staff Liaison added that the formation of the action committee was in accordance with CSBM statutory authority with and appointment recommendations were based upon his individual interviews with the commissioners, with the exception of Comm. Haughton, about the vision of the CSBM. SL also stated that commissioners can contact him regarding individuals particularly in the areas of health and employment.

Comm. Hummons provided some perspective on how the CSBM arrived at the decision to form the action committees but also added that the CSBM is looking to establish Health and Wellness as a central focal point for fundraising and so forth. Commissioner Hummons also recommended that commissioners should be aware of how committee sizes can potentially obscure the goals and objectives. He further stated that commissioner should share the names of individuals who would be qualified as *honorarius ombudsmen*.

Comm. Wright also discussed how the action committees will allow the CSBM to work proactively and reaching out to the committee as opposed to reacting to the issues to properly advise the Office of the Mayor and the Common Council.

Comm. Wright stated that the CSBM needs to plan for a Community/Neighborhood forum. Comm. Hummons stressed that a neighborhood forum needs to be germane to the issues of black males in Bloomington and the need for the CSBM to hear from young black men their concerns. Commissioner Wright proposed dates in October. He further added that it may be important to host at a location that can be viewed as neutral and suggested Second Baptist Church and/or Bethel A.M.E Church. Comm. Hummons stated that he would check with Pastors' Laffoon and Rose by Friday August 14th or Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> about the churches for availability of dates in October on Tuesdays: 13th, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

John McCluskey explained how the action committees could provide a context for the neighborhood/community forum could generate ideas back to the committee. McCluskey asked *What is the end result of the forum?* Comm. Wright responded that the findings of these forums would offer an opportunity for input and asking them about what they would like to see done.

Comm. Wright discussed how the CSBM would measure outcomes and obtain data and official reports. Staff Liaison stated that he is currently working with the city's controller's office and other city/county departments in order to requisition reports.

### **Programs and Upcoming Events**

- Commissioner Wright reported that the Monroe County Health Needs Assessment would be meeting at Jackson Creek and Tri-North middle schools on August 18<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm respectively.
- Comm. Wright discussed how money left over from the Shively memorial. The Shively memorial wanted to have scholarship. And reaching out from the CSBM to establish a small scholarship. Comm. Wright indicated that he would reach out. John McCluskey stated that he may be able to assist in establishing a scholarship.
- Staff liaison discussed the need for the CSBM to establish a campaign around mentoring rather than perform direct service. The CSBM should be a group that is informed about the community landscape for young people and student groups and organizations at IU and IVY-Tech. The CSBM needs to work on assemble a resource guide of agencies that want mentors. Staff liaison will work on assembling an online resource guide and identifying individuals and mentoring needs.

- Comm. Wright explained that the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative's next meeting on August 27, 2015 at 9am – 12pm address. Comm. Hummons stated that he would schedule to attend. Staff liaison provided some general information about this work group. Staff liaison requested that in the event they could not attend meeting that they should contact him 48 hours in advance to attend.
- Comm. Wright stated that IU Office of Public Safety and organizing a community focus group about body worn camera's. Prof Beth Cate is looking to organize a group sometime late August early September the focus group for early evening (say, 5:30-7 pm) in late August or early September – right now we are looking at Thursday August 27, Friday August 28, or Thursday Sept. 4 as possibilities. If you can attend are interested please contact Beth Cate atbecate@indiana.edu, 812-856-2582 (office phone, which goes to email), or 812-360-1020 (cell phone).
- Comm. Wright stated that the CSBM will table a discussion about crafting a response to the biopic on N.W.A "Straight Outta Compton" after seeing the film.
- Commissioners Wright motioned to implement an online newsletter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hummons to have a newsletter coordinated by Rafi Hasan, Commissioner Tournier approved 3-0.
- JDAI meeting update: aforementioned
- Comm. Wright stated that he is scheduled to meet with Scott Dolson IUB Assistant Athletic Director on August 22<sup>nd</sup> to Comm. Wright will be working with Dolson on attempting for organize a health and wellness fair for the Spring Football game that would involve the IU football team.

### **Membership/vacancies**

John McCluskey's application has been received by the COB Clerk's office however no information about his appointment as of yet. Invitations to the CSBM August meeting were sent to Robert Jordan, Julius Hanks, Terrance Thomas and Adeyemi O. Doss. Robert Jordan RSVP however had to cancel because of an unexpected family matter.

### **Announcements**

John reported that Congressman John Lewis will be at the IU Auditorium on Monday September 21 at 7:30pm tickets are available at the library on the second floor. Staff liaison added that the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center is hosting a reception at 5:30pm prior to Congressman Lewis's talk at the auditorium and tickets are \$65.

### **Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.**

Next meeting is September 9, 2015 at 5:30pm.